

016 Sun Protection Policy

At Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

**Education**

- Staff will use daily opportunities to highlight sun-safety
- Staff to be a positive role model by applying sun cream, wearing a hat, using and promoting shade during outside play.
- We will have a sun-safe story/information session at the start of the Summer term
- We will promote learning the importance of wearing hats and sun creams before going outside
- Children will be encouraged to drink water throughout the session

**Timetabling**

- On really hot days children will play outside before 11am
- If they play outside after 11am they will spend less time outside or play in a shaded area

**Clothing**

- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat when playing outside
- We have a supply of pre-school hats for children who do not bring their own
- We will encourage children to cover their neck and shoulders while playing outside, spare clothing will be kept in preschool

**Shade**

- We will erect a sail to provide shade on the patio
- Activities will be arranged to make use of available shade

**Sun cream**

- Please apply cream before your child arrives at the setting
- Please note sun cream needs replacing annually
- Pre-school recommends parents use a water resistant sun cream factor 50
- Please send in a labelled bottle of sun cream for your child
- We keep a stock of sun cream if a parent forgets to send
- If children are attending for the full session staff will re-apply sun cream regularly between 11am and 3pm
- A letter will be sent out at the start of the Summer term to remind parents about sun protection measures

**Permission**

Parents will be asked to complete a permission slip when they register their child for pre-school. If a parent has concerns about staff applying sun cream, the use of pre-school cream if none provided or the use of insect repellent (Forest school only) they should speak to our Supervisor. The safety of the children is our main concern and the Supervisor will make a judgement based on individual circumstances.

Our setting will keep up to date on sun-safety informing our staff and parents of developments.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup:

Held on:

Date to be reviewed:

Signed on behalf of the committee:

Name of signatory:

Role of signatory:

**All staff members and committee members will sign to indicate they have read, understood and agreed with the above policy.**